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BLACK History MONTH



World War II Hero Receives Medal for Bravery--42 Years Later

Prairie View, Tx.--George H. Stafford, Professor of Agriculture at Prairie View A&M University, remembers January 1, 1945. On that day, he performed an act of bravery, for which he was recommended to receive the Bronze Star--the third highest military decoration. Forty-two years later, after the efforts of two of his children, that Bronze Star was finally awarded to him by President Percy A. Pierre at Prairie View A&M University.

Although the story begins with a courageous act, Stafford believes it really begins with the moral training he received from his parents and from his educational experiences at

Prairie View. "What I did was a reflex of all that I was. It was automatic."

In January 1945, Stafford was 20 years old, a member of D Company, 365th. Infantry, 92nd. Division of the U.S. Army operating in the mountains of Italy, new Milano. "We were attempting to take a town when several of our people were hit--including some who were in command," remembers Stafford. "I pulled those people back to safety and assumed command." He explained that their position was overrun, but they held out until they could be rescued.

He knew that he had been recom-

mended for the Bronze Star, but he never knew why it hadn't been awarded to him. There were other medals as well, which had been lost.

Finally, his medals were restored and issued to him as a result of the efforts of three people: his daughter, U.S. Air Force First Lieutenant Pamela Stafford Hass; her husband, U.S. Air Force Captain Michael Robert Hass; and his son Paul Keith Stafford, a sophomore in Aerospace Engineering at Texas A&M University. They investigated the situation and discovered that the written accounts of the battle had been destroyed in a fire in the War Department facilities.



President Percy A. Pierre presents Bronze Star to Dr. George Stafford, 42 years after Stafford was scheduled to receive it.

Editorial/Opinion

THE IN-BETWEEN SIDE: Irks, Quirks, Perks & Peeves

Gregory Smith
Managing Editor

Editor's Note: Some columns lean to the far side; others, to the near side. Some look to the bright side; others still to the lighter side. And a few, to a "...place that is not as brightly lit." As for Mr. Smith, we...ahm...don't know yet. Let's just say he's in-between, somewhere.

Welcome to Spring Semester '88! How ya'll are (oops, did I say that?) It may be a new semester, but as usual, there are some things on this fair campus of ours that have gotten my attention and my ire. New changes include a new checking system in Fiscal Affairs, elimination of emergency student loans and campus police on golf carts. A police chief who pays more attention to his girlfriend than to ticketing and towing cars.

Things that have stayed the same include long lines in Alumni Hall, large speech classes and, yes, the basketball team.

First: **TELECHECK**

Due to checks that bounced more than the basketball team did, the university has gone on a new system called **TELECHECK**. This system has students standing in long lines outside Fiscal Affairs while this

system checks people's bank accounts and credit card clout to make sure their requests are up to snuff (i.e., are not made of rubber or overcharges). While this is indeed helpful to the school in sorting those who pay and do not pay, it is another hassle for the students. Just today (or last week, depending on when the paper's deadline was set), I went to Fiscal Affairs to withdraw some money for books (the previous checks I had received from my mom for books had to be canceled and remailed because of the new **TELECHECK** requirements that they be made to the university, eliminating third-party checking.

The line for check clearance was three-people deep and stretching out the door. There was also a short line. I stood in the short line. Ten minutes later, I was at the window. Sorry. The lady told me in order to withdraw money, I would have to stand in the check clearance line with everyone else. In ten minutes that line had only moved when exhausted students had passed out. By now, it was almost to the front doors of the Administration Building.

...I think I'm going to cry!

Second:
"PAY OR ELSE" NOTICES

Well, as everyone should know or have heard, students' parents have

received special notices saying in effect:

"...if your child does not pay his/her fees by such-and-such date, withdrawal procedures will begin."

Let me see -- sweating, spinal shivers, shaky hands waiting for financial aid to come through; loneliness, paranoia after being kicked out of the dorm while your friends laughed and told you to "chill" until they visit you for gas at the local Exxon; and hunger pangs because your mealcard entitles you to nothing in Alumni anymore--yep, that's withdrawal all right.

For all the time and money, at least they could have said it a different way. Maybe they could have issued a general pamphlet telling us all about elimination of emergency student loans, the implementation of **TELECHECK**, making out of financial aid forms and fee payment deadline dates and possible consequences for not paying.

Next, I...oh, wait a minute. There's a little note at the end of the "Pay or Else" notice. It says: If payment has already been made, please disregard this notice.

Gee, thanks.

Third: **VISITATION**

The university has just posted new notices informing everyone of visitation schedules for all dormitories. Along with it, they posted a news article telling of a date rape when a girl got sloshed at several dorm parties. The dorm notice states quite briefly and effectively the hours and places for visitation. There's only one problem, though, Buchanan Hall.

The say we can have visitation (Thank God), but only in the lobby. Obviously, they are preparing us for those six to nine months at sea when we burn and loot the King's treasure ships enroute from the New World.

Fourth: **PHONE CODES**

I was making a collect call to my father in Boston, from the pay phone in the library when at least seven people came up to me and either asked if I was using or asked if they could use my phone code. First, I was not using a phone code. Secondly, "shut the hell up." You can get you butt thrown in jail for using other people's codes. They caught 18 people on campus last semester, not to mention over a hundred each at Texas A&M and U of H.

I have no intention of going to prison for your "urgent" calls. It is

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the article in the November 10th issue of the Panther entitled "Where the Power Lies." Jackie Blair should be commended and thanked for writing an article of such enlightenment. I hope everyone had a chance to read it. It does my heart good to know that there are people out there who still care and realize that we need to wake up as a people.

It cannot be over-emphasized that: we need to be more vocal, politically aware, and socially intuned; unless we unite, the work of our forefathers were in vain; the jewelry that we love so much keeps our brothers and sisters in South Africa in bondage;

we need to be less ignorant and more active, especially with S.G.A. right here on campus.

No doubt about it, the article was a glorious one, especially since it came at a time when the apathy, or better yet, the unawareness of the student on this campus is at an all-time heart-sickening, dangerously self-destructive level. We came to this university to better ourselves and the world in which we live. So please, brothers and sisters, I'm pleading with you, let's unite and do just that. I would like to end this the same statement that Miss Blair used to end her article: Yes, we have a voice, but it won't do any good unless we exercise it!

David Edgerson

On the Edge: Black History

David Edgerson
Special to the Panther

This is Black History Month and right now most Black Americans are filled with great pride. We are proud because we are being reminded of the beauty of our heritage and the richness of our culture. But where does all this pride go after February 29th? What happens to all of the boasting of our great ancestors? What happens to the notion of carrying on the dreams of our forefathers? I wonder, I really wonder.

I is my hope that this year we will remember not to forget. After all of the Black History programs are over, after all of the speeches, the marching, and the reminiscing have expired, I hope we can still feel proud to be Black. I hope we can work towards a common goal of uplifting our race.

There are two possible ways that we can start this process. Instead of wishing that the white man would stop hating us, let's stop hating each other. Also, instead of asking for help, let's help ourselves by getting



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News

Sleepers, Kappas, Karnation Kourt Suspended for Hazing Omega Psi Phi Expected Off Probation This Spring After Violating Organization Policy

Prairie View - The Office of Student Activities recently issued suspensions to the Wisconsin Sleepers and the Karnation Kourt organizations for violation of the University's policies and the State's hazing law. The groups appeared before a review committee which heard the charges and recommended discipline for the groups. The Wisconsin Sleepers was found guilty

for condoning hazing in its pledge process this past fall when they took their pledges to the Prairie View Graveyard where they humiliated them. Evidence revealed repeated violations of the University pledging policies. The group is suspended from December 1, 1987 to December 1, 1989, in addition to a \$200 fine payable to the Council of Student Organizations.

The Karnation Kourt was suspended from December 1 to August 31, 1989 and fined \$150 for its violation of the pledging policies. They were charged with harrasing their pledges in several off-campus meetings: Both groups were placed on probation for previous violations in the past year.

During the suspension, neither groups are recognized by the University and are not permitted to function at nor associate itself with the University. Members of the groups, however, must participate in a series of seminars on group dynamics arranged by the Office of Student Activities.

In other news, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity received a temporary suspension order for the alleged involvement of their members in

pledge activities at Texas Southern University. The incidents are still under investigation. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is expected to receive full organization rights this spring.

The group was placed on probation in 1986 for violation of organizational policies.

Campus Hosts 30th Annual Ministers' Conference

The 30th Annual Ministers' Conference was held here on February 2-3, 1988 in the Hobart Taylor Auditorium and in the University Fieldhouse. This year's conference, sponsored by the United Ministries of Texas, had the theme "The Church in a Divided World."

This year's Conference Chairman was Rev. S. J. Gilbert, of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, and Rev. W. Van Johnson, Dean of the All Faiths Chapel, was Conference Director. According to Rev.

Johnson, the ministers have made significant contributions to the university. "The ministers raised \$1,200,000 to build the chapel. Last year, they raised \$20,000 for a scholarship fund to benefit the solid C student, and this year they expect to raise \$25,000 for that fund."

The conference had three objectives: to provide training in the economic perspectives of the community; to encourage full involvement in the social life of the community; and to perpetuate community leadership training.

One of the more renowned speakers at this conference was the Rev. Murphy C. Williams of the

Roger Williams Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California. Rev. Williams, a graduate of Bishop College and the University of Nebraska, served as President of the Nebraska Baptist State Convention and was the first Black guest preacher at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Writer Wants International Students To Stand Up, Be More Responsible

Ike Anyiam
Intern

As Demonsthenes once said, "Small opportunities are often the beginnings of great enterprises." A column for International Student in the Panther, the University's news journal, will therefore mark a noble beginning; the recognition of International Students' contribution to this great University.


Records from Mr. Sierleaf's office shows that one out of every ten students on this campus is an International Student. If each of us pays out-of-state tuition, it therefore means that we contribute as much in tuition as the rest of the students, if they are all paying in-state tuition.

Since most of the students activities in this Institution including the Panther are co-funded with our money, if we fail to utilize this opportunity, we may voluntarily be giving up some of our rights as students of this University. And as John of Salisbury once said, "He who will not when he may, may not when he will."

It is an undisputable fact that an average Black American has a distorted image of us 'foreign students', due to the negative publicity practiced by the press in this country. The responsibility to correct this wrong

notion therefore rest squarely on our shoulders. If we do not avail ourselves of this golden opportunity, we may be doing a great disservice to ourselves, our fellow students from the United States, and humanity in general. Precisely by not using this chance, we are inadvertently confirming the negative views held about us, we are also denying our fellow students the opportunity of sharing our rich and complex cultures with us, while we are sharing theirs with them, and lastly we are failing to play our part in the International cultural exchange which is necessary to foster the understanding that is a sine-quanon for global peace.

I firmly believe that foreign students are capable of writing their own version on this issue, that is the reason I find it hard to understand this display of apathy. Many of us try to hide from our responsibilities by claiming that we do not have enough time, but this is not true, because I see foreign students spend more time on the library lobby every day than they will spend on their studies. What I believe we need is to practice some time management and refrain from procrastination, that way, we can invest more time on our responsibilities.



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Prairie View Helps Train Future Leaders of South Africa

Prairie View, Tx--Since 1985 Prairie View A&M University has participated in the South African Education Program (SAEP), a scholarship program to train South Africans in the United States. SAEP attempts to compensate for the lack of educational opportunities available to blacks in South Africa and the low quality of most educational programs open to blacks in that country.

Dr. Derek Bok, President of Harvard University, states that "The

need to educate the future black leadership of South Africa has never been more urgent." Bok is convinced that SAEP and similar programs are "crucial in preparing for a post-apartheid South Africa."

The two students from South Africa who are continuing their studies at Prairie View are doing quite well, according to Dr. Elaine Adams, campus program coordinator. Those students are Matome Raophala, a junior, and Edgar Rat-

shitange, a sophomore. Matome majors in computer science, while Edgar concentrates on engineering. The two new students are both engineering majors, Elias Ntsoane and Hilton Mokoka.

Bok notes that "There are now more United States-trained black South African engineers that have been trained in South Africa itself." Prairie View is playing a part in the effort, while hoping that South Africa will someday be able to

develop its own talent regardless of race.

Elias Ntsoane, freshman civil engineering major, was born 22 years ago in Pietersburg, South Africa. He completed high school in Pietersburg and then attended a technical college in Pretoria, where he combined working in industry with college attendance. Elias regrets that higher education opportunities for blacks in engineering are limited in South Africa. He does plan to return to his

country and teach in the field. His teachers in South Africa describe him as highly motivated, a very hard worker, and well respected by his classmates. A former soccer team captain, side-tracked by a knee injury, Elias' hobbies include travel, nature observation, photography, and music.

Hilton Mokoka is also a freshman civil engineering major and is 19 years of age. Hilton was born in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Pierre Addresses Faculty Retreat, Plans to 'Brag' About PV

Prairie View, TX—"This is the beginning of our 110th Anniversary year," President Percy A. Pierre told the Prairie View A&M University faculty, "and we plan to brag in the coming months about what we've accomplished in those 110 years."

Speaking at a recent all-day faculty retreat on the campus, Dr. Pierre said that the university has used its share of the Available University Fund (AUF) to address long-standing deficiencies and is now focusing on

making PVAMU a university of the first class. (In 1984 the Texas electorate voted for a constitutional amendment, which stated that PVAMU should be an institution of the first class and that it should join Texas A&M University and the University of Texas in sharing the Permanent University Fund. Available moneys from that fund are known as the AUF.)

In an overview of progress made by the university in the last four

years, Pierre pointed out that PVAMU is one of four institutions that has met the target integration goals established by the Texas Plan for the state's universities. Other successes include a rise of over 100 points in four years in the SAT scores of enrolling freshman. "No other university in the country can show that kind of percentage change," he said.

Pierre also highlighted the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, ed in 1984, as helping the

university become an institution of choice. Other areas of progress discussed were: hiring of more faculty with terminal degrees, improvement in the core curriculum, and consolidation of colleges (with Agriculture and Home Economics becoming departments in the College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology.)

Presentations were also made by Dr. Thomas J. Cleaver, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, on the planning and decision process

at Prairie View, and by Dr. Elaine P. Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, on faculty participation in student affairs.

Pierre invited the faculty to discuss the university's future, asking what PVAMU will be like in 1994.

Representatives from each college later reported the faculty's goal for achieving superior graduates, quality education, and professional development in the next six years.

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Mrs. Jesse Jackson to Speak At 3rd Black Family Symposium

Prairie View, TX—Mrs. Jesse Jackson will be the keynote speaker at the 3rd Annual Black Family Symposium, a state-wide conference to be held at Prairie View A&M University on Friday, February 26. The symposium theme is: "The Black Family Reunion: Meeting the Challenges."

Workshops will be presented in four concurrent sessions, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Hobart Taylor Building, dealing with the following topics: Education and the Black Family; Governmental Policy and the Black Family; Health and AIDS Education and the Black Family; The Black Male and the Family.

Mrs. Jesse Jackson, wife of the 1988 democratic presidential candidate and civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson, will arrive at 11:30 on campus for a press conference in the Hobart Taylor Building. After a luncheon with selected staff and students, Mrs. Jackson will speak at a campus-wide convocation at 2:00 p.m. in the University Fieldhouse. U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland will also appear at the convocation.

Mrs. Jackson's speech will be followed by a dialogue with interested persons.

According to Rev. W. Van Johnson, Dean of All Faiths Chapel and Conference Director, the goals of the program are: to examine the role of the black male, health care availability, educational opportunities, and governmental policy and the black family; to discuss critical issues facing the black family relative to the four key components for family survival in the 1980's; and to provide practical suggestions for solving problems facing the black family.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., for those who have not pre-registered, in the Hobart Taylor Building. A fee of \$10.00 per person will include morning workshops, lunch, keynote address, and afternoon roundtable discussion with Mrs. Jesse Jackson. Participants must provide pre-registration notification by February 22. To register by phone, call 409/857-4940 or 409/857-3946 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee Bring Explosive Talent to Campus

By Jackie Blair

News Editor

The legendary greats of stage and screen, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee performed in the Hobart Taylor Recital last Thursday, in conjunction with Prairie View A&M University's 110th Anniversary Celebration this year.

"An Evening with Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee" was set on a stage upon which three glorious banners of purple of purple and gold hung displaying

our anniversary thee, "Partners In Progress '88: A Renaissance in Academic Excellence". Placed in front of the banners were two armchairs, a small table and two stands from which the duo read at times. The set was extremely effective in that it created a relaxed atmosphere.

The audience was mesmerized as they absorbed a thought provoking blend of

poetry, prose and dramatic monologues written by some of our most prolific Black authors.

The dramatic duo read excerpts from the works of Langston Hughes, Nikki Giovanni, Rosa Guy, and some of Ruby Dee's original works. The most moving of which was Dee's "A Letter From Winnie."

The poem was in the form of a letter from Nelson and Winnie

Mandela inviting them to visit their home in South Africa.

Davis emphasized the importance of historically Black Colleges. He stressed the fact that the great minds in Black history found themselves in Black Universities. W.E.B. DuBois and Martin Luther King Jr. were two examples. "Our greatest enemy is not racism, but ignorance," Davis said.



New Building, New Director

Ike Anyiam

Intern

The new library will be opened in August 1988, said Dr. Adele Dendy, who resumed duty November 16, as the new Director of Libraries at Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Dendy, a seventeen-year-veteran in library services replaces Dr. Donald Sweet, whose resignation in January left that office vacant for nearly eleven months. Dr. Dendy said, "the challenge and excitement of opening a new library in an institution committed to academic excellence as Prairie View A&M University is the main reason I have come to work for this institution."

"The new library and other constructions projects on this campus are vital signs that this institution is serious about the business of educating their students. Besides, opening a new library as a new Director is a chance that many people will gladly look forward to" said Dr. Dendy.

The new library will be dedicated to any person or organization that donates the most money to defray the cost of the building which stands at sixteen million dollars. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for November 3, 1988 coinciding with the 110th Anniversary of Prairie View

A&M University and the Homecoming also. It is therefore expected to attract a large crowd.

When asked what changes she plans to make at this university, Dr. Dendy said that her priority is to settle down and study the present set-up of the library, then she can determine what needs to be changed or reorganized.

"Every change in administration in an organization is expected to cause some policy changes that will reflect the character of the new administrator."

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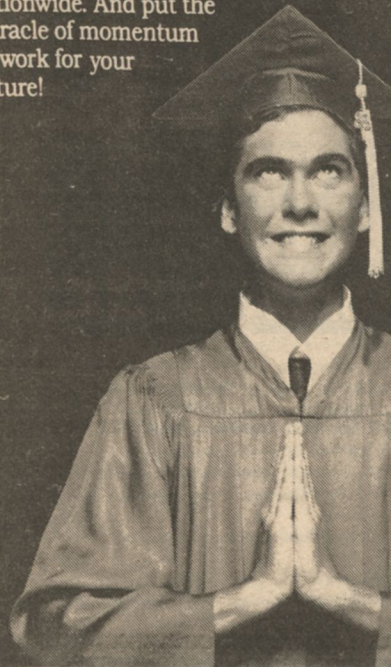
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Toniya,
Be mine this day and
I'll try not to ask
for too much more;
except during class.
Be sweet,
Jeff

Happy Valentine's Day
Mrs. Bennett,
We hope you are 'fine' and
We 'thank the Lord for you!'
p.s. We'll miss you.
With love,
all of your P.V. children

Even when you might act like the
biggest buckethead woman. . . I
will always love you, Sherita.

Christopher

To Danette:
With undying adoration.
Love,
Rudy

To T.V.
Whether it's red & red
Or red-white-& blue
there's nothing I'd like better
than to be with you. It's your
body, hair, face & eyes,
personality, and character as
a whole that makes having you
by my side, the ultimate goal.
The Man In Red

Michele E. You make my day!
Guess Who!

Get well Dad
Kniles & Whit.

To you dear one, April,
I send my love extensively.
Chris T.

Happy Valentine's Day
To all the young ladies
of P.V.
From,
Glaze



For my boyfriend Shige:
You're a "sweetheart baby" as people say,
When your birthday falls on Valentine's Day.
Your heart's 19 times greater than in the past,
2/20/88 marks 1 year of love that'll last.
Upon reading this, I hope your spirit lifts.
Love, with you, is the finest of all gifts!
Si shiteru yo,
Tracie

Happy Valentine's Day
To Rhonda, a wonderful
friend.
Love always

To Winthrop Nunn:
Thank you for being a
friend.
Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day
Jeff Stevens
With All My Love from:
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the Future.
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Tracey Whitney
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To Kayla Barre:
For being who you are,
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Forever yours,
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I love you Babel!

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From Vaurance

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for you, to say that I have returned to
give you my loyalty and my love.
Eternally yours,
Stacey Crawford

To Miss Wilson:
A small token of thanks
for your services.
From Holley Hall

To My Dearest BeeWee
I love you and Happy
Valentine's Day!
Always with love,
Eewee

Leanna, I will love you so,
For always. . .
Love, Jerry

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Mik,
you make my day
in every way.

Love,
Cheryl



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in Student Activities, MSC, the President's
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Love,
Esquire

Happy Valentine's Day to: My
Brothers and sisters of the
W/S, Jackie B., The Crystal
Roses, & The Phyettes, P.K.'s
and my Sweetheart John Larue
Buchanan. I Love you all.
Emile

Sports

Three-pointers, Steals, Charging Fouls Seal ASU's Fate

Panthers Notch 2nd Win, Top Southwest Texas State; Lose TSU- PVA&MU Rivalry

Gregory Smith
Managing Editor

Five 3-pointers by Reginald Jones, plus charging fouls, key steals and poor free throw shooting in the waning moments of the second half sealed Alabama State's fate as the Prairie View Panthers downed the Hornets 84-76.

Hornet guard Terry Brooks' 36-point performance could not overcome Reginald Jones' 34 points, which included 5 3-pointers in a row. ASU also suffered from numerous charging fouls and from steals by the Panthers in the final seconds of the game. The Hornets also went 2-8 in free throws at one point when they were out of reach afterwards.

The Panthers led in assists with 24 to ASU's 19, but ASU held a 44-34 edge in rebounding. They were unable to convert many of those into points.

The game remained tight through the first half. Reginald Jones kept Prairie View in the game with his 3-point plays. Forward Michael Ervin dished in nine of his 17 total points.

Some words were exchanged after an ASU player seemingly tried to put a Bill Laimbeer headlock on Michael Ervin as he tried for a layup. At 2:15 left in the first half, ASU guard Bernard Mitchell literally acted as the ten pin, trying to block Panther forward Marc Horne. Horne missed the strike, but did bowl over the ten pin. Mitchell got the call for blocking.

Towards the end of the first half, ASU's Gerald Dortch, once across halfcourt, held the ball until the 45-second clock had almost run out, then passed it to a fellow teammate, who promptly missed the field goal. Dortch got another chance a few seconds later and tried the same play

again this time for the last play of the half. ASU missed and the score remained 39-38 Prairie View.

In the second half, Prairie View built up as much as a 9-point lead in the opening minutes of the second half. Alabama State moved to within four points several times, but each time were plagued by a charging foul. At one stretch 11:50 - 10:30, Prairie View committed 4 shooting fouls in a row. ASU shooters went to the line four consecutive times, but only converted 2 of 8 attempts.

Midway through the second half, Reginald Jones heated up, as did Lloyd Lamb and Steve Stevenson. Stevenson and Junigan sparked a PVAMU burst with several slams. Stevenson scored 6 of his 8 points, while Junigan made 9 of his 11 points in the second half. Stevenson also added 3 key blocks.

Alabama State pulled close in the

closing seconds, but a charging foul reared its ugly head, killing the Hornets' momentum. Jones, who was fouled, made one of two free throws, then stole two passes with under :45 to play. The steals resulted in margin-widening points that promptly ended ASU's comeback bid.

The Panthers improve 3-14 (2-6 in SWAC). ASU fell to 6-13 (2-6 SWAC). More importantly, Prairie View left its long-occupied spot in the SWAC cellar as ASU, Mississippi Valley State and Jackson State all lost last weekend. They fell to 2-6, but because PV improved to 2-6, it was able to move up three spots in the conference.

PVU 80 - SWTS 73

Kevin Lyons

Sports Editor

Prairie View used a balanced scoring attack and a solid rebounding ef-

fort to defeat Southwest Texas State University 80-73.

Freshman center Steve Stevenson had 20 points and a yeoman-like effort 22 rebounds to pace the Panthers as 3 other starters scored in double figures. Those starters included Senior forward Marc Horne (18 pts.-8 rebs.), senior guard Reginald Jones (15 pts.-9 assists) and freshman guard Michael Ervin (14 pts.). J.T. Marshall lead the Bobcats with 15 points.

Freshman reserve-guard Leonard Gant pumped in 7 straight points to help Prairie View build a 40-30 half-time lead.

In the second half, Prairie View scored eleven straight points en route to building a 17 point lead at 51-34. This lead evaporated to two points with seven minutes remaining on the strong shooting of the Bobcat starters. However clutch free throws by

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Last Second Shots Fall Short for Women, ASU 82-PV 81 OT

Pantherettes Blow Away Nicholls State Girls; Crumble Before Texas Southern

Gregory Smith
Managing Editor

Two missed free throws following a 3-pointer, plus lack of rebounding late in the game left Prairie View's Pantherettes out in the cold by one point against Alabama State in overtime 82-81.

Pantherette guard Lynn Snell sank a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of overtime, then missed two key free throws with :11 left. Junior Rochelle Bennett had sent the game into overtime by sinking two successive free throws with :07 showing on the clock.

Lack of rebounding in the late stages of the second half and in overtime gave control to ASU under the boards. Some shots had ASU getting four and five chances for one basket. Many times, after a Pantherette shot, there were nothing but black ASU shirts under the basket.

High scorer in the game was Nencole Hall of ASU with 23 points. Four ASU players scored in double figures. Rochelle Bennett scored the high for the women with 20 points, followed by Cydney Pennie with 19 and Alice Ferrell with 17. Ferrell and Paulette Clay fouled out late in the game.

Both teams suffered dismal shooting percentages in the first half. ASU shot only 26 percent while PV

shot 39 percent. Prairie View led in assists 31-20. Snell had nine of them, with Bennett and Pennie getting six a piece. Prairie View also led in rebounds 47-45, but many of ASU's came late in the game.

Despite dismal shooting, both teams made up for it with high free throw percentages, PV with 55 percent; ASU, 54 percent.

At halftime, Prairie View led ASU 35-33. ASU outscored PV 43-41, but found themselves in OT on Rochelle Bennett's free throws. ASU then outscored PV 6-5 in OT. PV had a chance to win or at least tie, but could not when Snell failed to convert amidst tremendous pressure with less than :11 in the game.

PV is 7-11 (3-5 SWAC). ASU is 9-8 (5-3 SWAC)

PVU 80 - NSU 66

Kevin Lyons

Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers used three consecutive three-point shots midway through the second half to defeat the Lady Cardinals from Nicholls State University, 80-66.

Prairie View got a game high 18 points from junior-center Cydney Pennie and sophomore-forward Alice Ferrell. The Pantherettes also grabbed an incredible 60 rebounds and

dished out 52 assists. Junior-guard Paulette Clay led the way with 12 pin-point passes. Shonda Stanley led the Lady Cardinals with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

After Prairie View jumped out to an easy 40-30 halftime lead, the Lady Cardinals went out on an 18-6 run to take a 48-46 lead with 13 minutes remaining. However, with the Lady Cardinals down by two with ten minutes remaining, the Panthers

scored on two consecutive three-point baskets by sophomore-guard Marvalyn Snell. On the next possession, sophomore-forward Alice Ferrell followed with a three point shot of her own. And just like that a span of two minutes, the Lady Panthers increased a 2 point lead to an eleven point lead. These three-point rainbows helped Prairie View win their seventh game of the season.

PVU 58 - TSU 74

Sophomore-guard Alice Ferrell's 22 points were not enough for Prairie View as the Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Panthers 74-58.

Prairie View shot a less than sparkling 29% of their shots and made only six free throws the whole game as they dropped their fourth SWAC contest. Prairie View also lost

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Kansas City Guards Add to PV's Future

Sports Information

Prairie View, TX—"The season's not over," said Jim Duplantier, the optimistic head basketball coach of the Prairie View Panthers, whose team record is 3-14 overall and 2-6 in the SWAC. "We're a young ball club and I just want them to learn how to defend themselves. I can raise hell or I can fuss and I can just destroy them. It's not going to do any good. I need to pet them a little bit and see if I can bring them back. Because if we fuss at them too much now, it's not going to do much good", he said Saturday night after witnessing the Panthers win in a close confrontation with Alabama State 84-76.

So while talking to his team he looks for the bright spots. The Panthers biggest SWAC defeat of the season was against Southern University 112-76. They were only outscored 48-42 in the second half. And even if Duplantier feels he has to be patient with his team, made up of 76 percent freshmen players, his freshmen exhibit stamina and promise.

Michael Ervin, a 6-3 freshman guard/forward from Kansas City's Lincoln Prep. High School, scored 23 points and made perhaps the best slam dunk of the season in that 36 point loss to Southern. While on a fastbreak, Ervin raced down court alongside Southern's Dervynn Johnson for what appeared to be the approach of a normal layup. Ervin then crossed in front of the basket, his only option appeared to be a

reverse layup, but he suddenly went up and slammed the ball backwards through the hoop.

"I was trying to get the team pumped up," Ervin said. It not only pumped up his team but drew applause from the 4,334 Southern fans who rarely cheer for anyone else in Jaguarland.

Ervin has been the Panthers high scorer for 9 out of 17 games this season. He leads the Panthers with 16.5 points per game scoring average.

Teammate Leonard Gant has a lot in common with Ervin along with being a bright spot on the Panthers basketball team. Gant is a freshman guard from Kansas City's Lincoln Prep. High School. He's shooting 92 percent from the free throw line,

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averaging 9 points per game, and 2.5 assists per game. Gant was once the captain of Lincoln Prep's varsity basketball team and Ervin was co-captain. Gant influenced Michael to attend

Prairie View instead of UMKC, Kansas State or Iowa State where he was highly recruited. The two home-boys enjoy teasing fellow teammates about whose hometown is the best city in the country. Ervin hypes Kansas Ci-

ty with talk about the plaza, a picturesque shopping center comparable to Houston's Galleria. One thing Ervin will admit he enjoys most about Prairie View and that is the hospitality and individual attention given by the instructors. "I know we will win more games before the SWAC tournament, our team has just learned what winning feels like," Ervin said with excitement.

Women Lose

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little help from two of their main scorers as Maravalyn Snell and Rochelle Bennett hit only 18% of their shots for a combines total of 15 points.

As bad as the final result may seem, Prairie View did take a 31-29 halftime lead on the shooting of Ferrel and junior-center Cydney Pennie who ended up with 14 points and a game high 10 rebounds (5 offensive).

The second half belonged to the Tigerettes as they outscored the Lady Panthers 45-27. This large margin was due to the fact that the Pantherettes could not stop Tracy Mosely, Doretha Long, and Michelle Wilson who combined for 57 of the Tigerettes 74 points.

Prairie View did dazzle the crowd with six three-point shots, but just could not make enough of their other baskets to win the game.

Men Lose

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Marc Horne and strong lay-ups by All-American guard Reginald Jones helped the Panthers pull away from the Bobcats in the closing minutes and improve their season record.

PVU 77 - TSU 84

Texas Southern got a game high 25 points from Fred West as the Tigers up-ended Prairie View 84-77.

A numerous amount of turnovers (21) and horrendous all around shooting (41% from the field, 65% from the free-throw line) cost the Panthers any shot of winning this closely contested ball game.

More Irks, Quirks, Perks & Peeves...

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not my desire to take a shower, accidentally drop the soap next to a few hardcore criminals and end up the "bufu" buddy for the next five years. Five: POLICE CHIEF REID

According to news articles and our own updates, it seems our police chief has been paying more attention to his ex-girlfriend than to towing and ticketing cars (though there are plenty of other security staff to handle that matter). Chief Reid first chased his girlfriend through Houston and ended up getting probation after she pulled into a police substation. And he followed. Sorry, Chief, this is real life. Intended victims don't drive out to desert roads where there are no people for miles, like they always do on television.

Next, the chief takes another officer with him to "pick" up his girlfriend in Houston. He picked her up all right (allegedly, I should add, to avoid libel suits) and tried to throw her in the car. And then expected the other PV officer to drive off. Fortunately the officer refused and, by then some postal employees surrounded the car until the Houston PD arrived. Now, Reid has been indicted by a grand jury on kidnapping charges. Great, Chief give PV another shot in the arm (rather, I should say, another shot in the foot).

Six: LONGER LINES

Is it me or are the lines in this place getting longer. Like I was spouting off before, the line in Alumni stretches out like a snake before 30 minutes go by. Now, instead of "the lines forms to the right," it's "the line forms to the right, takes a left at the bottom of the stairs, circles around the Valentine balloon tables, hits a right angle near the teachers' cafeteria and ends at the Women's Gym."

At the bank, the line for TELECHECK is, at times, incredible and, at other times, nerve-racking. The sign for TELECHECK says it is fast and convenient to cash personal checks as long as one has the proper I.D. or a major credit card. Unfortunately, just to get in the door to let the "friendly service" work for you can take hours. I mean just last Friday, the workers in the bank were just waiting to have another hair-raising, nerve-twisting, gut-wrenching day with us students, but couldn't because somebody forgot to hook up the computer terminals. The ladies had to break out the modern stuff—old Bell telephones and adding machines.

I personally think the problem lies with the administration and its inner workings (brilliant deduction, huh?). Seriously for Fiscal Affairs, the

school never seems to have enough workers. There are six windows in the bank, yet on any given day, one will find only one or two people working up front. One would think, with all the money we get to hire staff and operate this campus, not to mention make use of the \$60 million UT and TAMU owes us, we could afford to hire some more productive people. In addition to producing them.

Another reason could be PV's reliance on PV Central Time. You know, if class starts at 8 a.m., everyone arrives at 8 a.m. If Alumni is supposed to be open at 11 a.m., it'll begin preparing for students at 11 a.m. If the next basketball game starts at 7:30 p.m., everyone will get there at 7:30 p.m. If the Army and Navy ROTC are supposed to leave for Mardi Gras at 0800, the cadets and midshipmen will begin arriving at 0800. You get my drift.

To erase the problem, everyone should listen to the radio, check the Houston Post or call the National Time Service (or whatever it's called) and find out the correct time for Texas, then plan to be at your designated spot a little earlier. Finally: THE GOOD NEWS

Now for the good news.

Congrats to Alumni Hall for those new and artistically flamboyant meal tickets. I was getting a little tired of the old ones that fell apart in my hands so that the workers would send me back to the end of the line for not having a ticket.

Congrats to STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE. They raffled off a night in a chauffeur-driven limousine and also sold tickets to win a 4X4 pickup truck. I admire outrageousness, but most of all the creativity to sell something other than a refrigerator, television or VCR.

A hearty cheer for the Panther Kittens. Not only can they dance, they also look good. They only outdanced and upstaged the TSU dancers, who had six to PV's 21, but were still out of synch. Good show to Miss PV Shari Love, too.

Goodbye and good luck to Ms. Bennett, the faithful ray of sunshine in the gloom of the place known as Alumni Hall. She brightened everyone's day with a cheerful greeting of "Fine, thank the Lord. And how are you this morning?"

Finally, a serious jeer for all those who were "illin'" at the TSU game. There were more fights in the stands than on the court. After the game, everybody got sloshed. I personally counted 25 bottles in a row that were smashed, 10 of which went past my nose. These girls, drunk on Corona and Texaco Super-Unleaded I think, actually offered me \$500 if I would

entertain them for the rest of the night. It was tempting, but common sense prevailed, fortunately. One of my TSU connections informed me the girls had herpes, gonorrhea and chlamydia. They were looser than untied shoestrings.

I don't blame security for cancel-

ing the aftergame party. The five or six fights occurred just outside the party's location - the Women's gym.

Well, there's no more space, so I'll just say this, with all the problems I've mentioned, it could be worse. How worse you say?

Pick up the Feb. 26 issue and find out.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Shirley F. Marks-Brown, a prominent black psychiatrist in Houston and a regular guest consultant on the "Good Morning, Houston" show on Channel 13 will speak at the February Lyceum Series program on February 24th at 3:30 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. This program is being sponsored by the College of Arts and Science and the Office of Student Activities.

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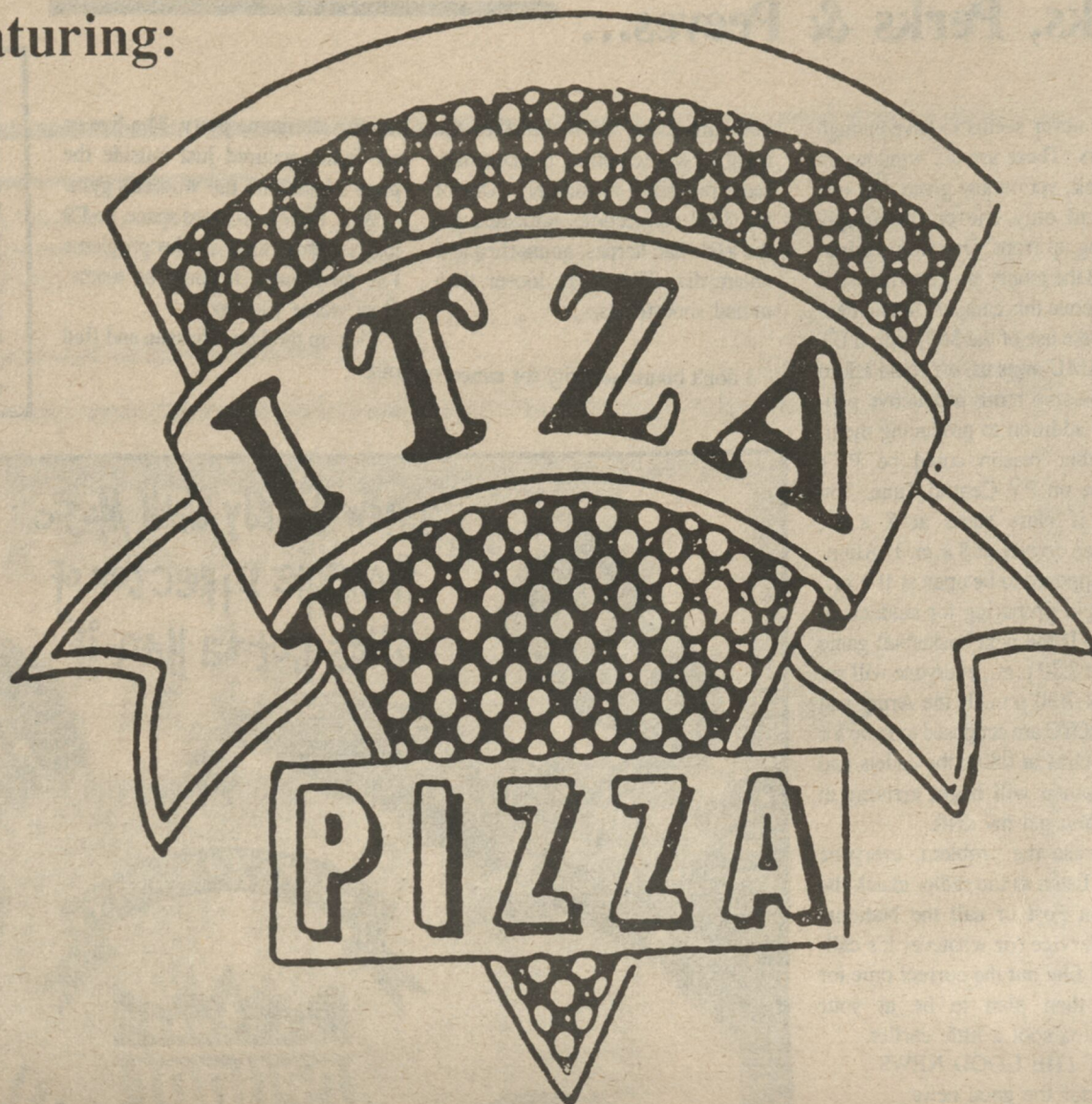


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